

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 7 THIRD QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto,
Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 7 during third quarter 2002 was 217,103, a decrease of 1.5% from the second quarter 2002, and a decrease of 2.0% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 11 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 4.2% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 65. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 7 with 38,505 employees, or 17.7% of total employment. Caddo was the leading parish with 115,363 employees, or 53.1% of total employment.

Total wages decreased 3.3% from the second quarter 2002, and decreased 0.03% from the same period in 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$523.50. Caddo parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$566.86.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 7 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 7" beginning on page 68.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Bienville	\$ 460.97
Bossier	478.82
Caddo	566.86
Claiborne	484.93
Desoto	513.09
Lincoln	508.43
Natchitoches	441.86
Red River	428.42
Sabine	420.93
Webster	461.70

The number of reporting units in RLMA 7 for third quarter 2002 was 13,760.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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